

# EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENT PROGRAM

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**STUDENTS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER MAY CONTINUE WITH THE SERVICES OF AN EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENT. TO DO SO, THE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED TO NH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ATTN: Amy Jenks, 101 PLEASANT STREET, CONCORD, NH 03301.**

## **RSA 186-C:14. Surrogate Parents.**

III. Determining Need. When, in the opinion of the commissioner of education or designee, an educationally disabled child, as defined in RSA 186-C:2, needs special education and the parent or guardian of the child is unknown or unavailable, or after reasonable efforts, cannot be located, or the child is a ward of the state, the commissioner or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent who shall represent the child in the educational decision-making process. IV. Appointment of Surrogate. Once the commissioner of education or designee determines that a surrogate parent is needed, the commissioner or designee shall appoint a surrogate parent. **Such appointment shall be effective until the child reaches 18 years of age, and may be extended by order of the commissioner until the child graduates from high school or reaches 21 years of age, whichever occurs first.** If the surrogate parent resigns, dies or is removed, the commissioner of education or designee may appoint a successor surrogate parent in the same manner as provided in paragraph III.